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Please amend the specification as follows:

[23] Figure 1 illustrates ~~thea~~ guide mechanism for ~~thea~~ cover 10 of a sliding/tilting roof of a vehicle in a view taken from the side of the vehicle. The guide mechanism serves to bring the cover 10 into the different positions, namely, the raised position, the initial position (also referred to as closed position), and the lowered position, in which the cover 10, together with the entire guide mechanism, is moved to the rear to dive under the roof. Reference numeral 11 denotes ~~thea~~ roof edge defining ~~thea~~ roof ~~ententopcnning~~. Reference numeral 12 denotes ~~thea~~ rear edge of the cover 10, which is shown schematically.

[25] The slotted guide 16 has a guide track 20 on each of its two side faces, with both guide tracks 20 being of identical design so that it is sufficient to illustrate only one of them. Running inside each guide track 20 is a sliding block in the form of a sliding guide block 22 adapted to be shifted by means of a rear guide shoe 24. The rear guide shoe 24 is adapted for horizontal shifting movement via a cable drive mechanism. The front and rear guide shoes 18, 24 are received for longitudinal sliding movement inside the profiled rail 14. ~~TheA~~ rear edge 26 of the slotted guide 16 has a downwardly pointing nose 28 integrally molded to it. Below the nose 28, a bearing part 30 is received in the profiled rail 14 for horizontal sliding movement. The bearing part 30 carries a drain gutter 32. The bearing part 30 and the drain gutter 32 constitute a separate, preassembled unit. Immediately below the nose 28, the bearing part 30 features a recess 34 adapted in shape to the nose 28.

[30] The other unit, comprising the cover 10 along with the slotted guide 16 and the front and rear guide shoes 18, 24, is fixed in position horizontally by means of a positive locking connection directly between the slotted guide 16 and the profiled rail 14. The slotted guide has laterally projecting extensions 70 integrally molded to its side faces (see

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Figures 1 through 3, 5 and 6a and 6b close to its swiveling axis A, which protrude into associated local recesses 72 in the upper webs 74 of the profiled rail 14. The positioning and the height of the extensions 70 allow them to protrude into the recesses 72 in both the raised and the initial positions (Figures 1 and 2). Further, the extensions 70 would strike against the webs 74 if an attempt were made to shift the slotted guide 16 and the cover 10 with it in a horizontal direction. On the other hand, the extensions 70 are positioned such that, in the lowered position, they will dive below the webs 74 and well then be located fully within the space circumscribed by the profiled rail 14 (see Figure 3).

[32] When the cover 10 is to be raised, the guide shoe 24 is shifted forward, preferably driven by a motor. The sliding guide block 22 sliding along in the guide track 20 acts to swivel the slotted guide 16 upward (Figure 1). In the fully raised position, with the nose 28 having cleared the recess 34, the unit comprising the slotted guide 16 and the cover 10 is completely decoupled mechanically from the unit including the drain gutter 32. In this position, the two units are locked against horizontal displacement by the associated extensions 70 and by the latching hook 44, respectively, i.e. by arrangements of their own for locking these two units in position.

[33] When the cover 10 is to be shifted to the rear, the rear edge 12 thereof needs to dive below the level of the edge 11. The rear guide shoe 24 is therefore shifted to the rear (Figure 3). In the lowered position the extensions 70 will dive below the webs 74, as already discussed hereinabove (Figure 3). The rear guide shoe 24 is shifted further to the rear so that a wedge-shaped extension 80 thereon, which projects toward the latching hook 44 (see Figures 2 and 4), engages lateral tappets 82 provided on the latching hook 44 to move the latter upward into a disengaged position. The two units coupled with each other may now be shifted jointly horizontally.